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1. The terminal disclaimer filed on 7/6/2005 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of patent US 5,818,583 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

- 2. This application was filed with original claims numbered 1-35 and 37-50; no claim numbered 36 was present in the application as filed. Claims 37-50 have been renumbered by the office as claims 36-49 respectively in order to comply with the requirement in 37 CFR 1.75(f) that the originally claims be numbered consecutively.
- 3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard A Rosenberger whose telephone number is (571) 272-2428. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday during the hours of 8:00-4:30.

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